

The University of Texas at Tyler
Spring Semester 2021
HIST 5354 – Medieval Europe
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Course Overview and Objectives:

In our readings and discussions, we will be examining the transition from late Roman to Medieval civilization with a focus on material and spiritual factors, including the role of the Roman Catholic Church and the Emperor Charlemagne. After a consideration of the decline of cities in the post-Roman period, we will then explore their revival in the context of Franciscan spirituality.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based mainly on written reviews of the books we are reading. Each paper is worth 10% of your total grade (six reviews totaling 60%), a comprehensive essay will be worth 30% and finally 10% for attendance and participation. Papers should be roughly 4-6 pages in length and should address the book's thesis and how well it proves its case. The comprehensive essay will be a retrospective comparison of all seven books. Late papers will not be accepted unless there is official documentation of a family or medical emergency.

Final Withdrawal Date: Monday, April 5

Required Books:

Bryan Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization*

Peter Brown, *Through the Eye of a Needle*

Janet Nelson, *Charlemagne: King and Emperor*

Henri Pirenne, *Medieval Cities*

Augustine Thompson, *Francis of Assisi: the Life*

Augustine Thompson, *Cities of God*

John Baldwin, *Paris 1200*

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments:

- Jan. 14 No meeting. Read Ward-Perkins, p. 1-83
- Jan. 21 No meeting. Read Ward-Perkins, p. 87-191
- Jan. 28 First Meeting. Discussion of Ward-Perkins; book review due
- Feb. 4 Discussion of Brown, p. xix-258
- Feb. 11 Discussion of Brown, p. 259-530; book review due
- Feb. 18 Discussion of Nelson, p. 1-267
- Feb. 25 Discussion of Nelson, p. 269-493; book review due
- Mar. 4 No meeting
- Mar. 11 No meeting
- Mar. 18 Discussion of Pirenne; book review due
- Mar. 25 Discussion of Thompson, *Francis of Assisi*
- April 1 Discussion of Thompson, *Cities of God*, p. 1-216
- April 8 Discussion of *Cities of God*, p. 235-456; book review due
- April 15 No meeting
- April 22 Discussion of Baldwin; book review due
- April 29 Comprehensive Essay Due; No meeting, email as pdf

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Additional Syllabus Information

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

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